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Lt. Col. McMillie Awarded Bronze Star at March UTA Staff Meeting

By Maj. Robert Barrat

Lt. Col. Michael G. McMillie, a navigator with the 167th Airlift Wing, was awarded the Bronze Star by Brig. Gen. V. Wayne Lloyd at a ceremony held Saturday morning in the commander's staff room. Col. McMillie received the award for his contributions and hard work as Gen. Lloyd's executive assistant while on deployment to several forward locations including Kyrgyzstan; Masirah, Oman; and Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, in 2002 and 2003.

The Bronze Star is awarded for performing duties of great responsibility during wartime conditions. Col. McMillie assisted Gen. Lloyd while Lloyd was the wing commander of the 376th Air Expeditionary Wing in Kyrgyzstan and also as the Director of Mobility Forces (DIRMOB 4) in Al Udeid, where Gen. Lloyd was in charge of all C-130s, C-21s, KC-10s and KC-135s in the theater.

At the ceremony, Gen. Lloyd said that Col McMillie's usual workday was from 5 a.m. to about midnight each day, then back to the barracks for a few hours of sleep. Some of the work was dealing with top officials from several countries simultaneously, including Kyrgyzstani President Askar Akaev. Col. McMillie was on deployment with Gen. Lloyd for more than a year, and his efforts were greatly appreciated, Gen. Lloyd said.

"It was more than a pleasure to work with Gen. Lloyd, and a real eye opening experience for me to see all the work behind the war operation," Col. McMillie said. "But I would be happy to do it again, and I will miss Gen. Lloyd when he retires next month." (Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Dawn Hester, 167th Multimedia Support Unit)



Retirees Finishing Restoration Efforts on F-86 Sabre

Important Piece of Unit History Being Refurbished by Volunteers from 167th Retirees Association

The F-86 Sabre static display normally found at the front gate has been undergoing extensive maintenance in Building 110 and should be done within the next few weeks, said retired Chief Master Sgt. Edgar Miller.

"We have everything stripped down and cleaned," Miller said. "Hopefully by next month we'll be done with the restoration and it will be ready to go back out front."

The project began late last year when Brig. Gen. V. Wayne Lloyd asked the 167th Retirees Association if they would be able to volunteer their time to clean and recondition the jet. The fighter, while still in good shape for a 50-year-old airplane, was in need of work as the result of normal wear-and-tear.

Sun, weather and pests were beginning to take their toll on the jet, which has sat proudly by the base's main entry point



F-86 Sabre Jet being moved into building 110

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Mountaineer Pride Worldwide

Commander's View

I had the pleasure during last month's UTA of walking around the base and talking to unit personnel in many different work areas. I have to say that I never stop being impressed with the professionalism and hard work of the people at the 167th. What the people on this base accomplish on a daily basis is simply amazing and a testimony to their sense of duty and love of country.



That sense of duty will be put to the test this year, and in the coming years, with next month's readiness exercise, the ORI and the eventual transition to the C-5. This is in addition to our normal duties and responsibilities in fighting the global War on Terrorism.

I ask that each of you take these tests one at a time and concentrate on doing your best. The road ahead can be intimidating, but if we focus on each task on a month-by-month basis, we will succeed at the highest levels as we have throughout the unit's history.

Finally, I want to say how honored I am to be leading you, especially as a traditional guardsman. Throughout this nation's history, men and women such as yourselves have served their country while balancing civilian careers and community involvement. I will strive to carry on this tradition as we face the challenges ahead.

*Col. Eric W. Vollmecke
Wing Commander*

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CHAPLET NEWS

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Dennis Yocum

Successful Married Couples Follow a Few Important Rules

It is often said that half of our marriages will end in divorce. That makes me wonder if I will be next.

Turns out it's not true!

"The idea that half of American marriages are doomed is one of the most specious pieces of statistical nonsense ever perpetrated on modern times," says pollster Louis Harris.

It all started years ago when someone noticed that year there had been 2.4 million marriages and 1.2 million divorces. Comparing those figures gave birth to the quotable but highly inaccurate notion that one-half of marriages end in divorce. This completely ignored the 54 million marriages that were already in existence at the time. More accurately, it can be said from these numbers that of all married couples that year, 2 percent were divorced.

Although divorce has grown significantly, a large majority of marriages survive and thrive. To be sure, all marriages face challenges, so here are suggestions to improve your marriage.

STUDY SUCCESSFUL COUPLES. Find older couples that have a marriage that works and get to know them. Look for couples that show uncommon courtesy to each other and who look for ways to serve each other.

PICK UP A GOOD BOOK. Read a good marriage book together. Your local bookstore will have several.

TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN MAKING IMPROVEMENTS. Ask your spouse what you can do better. When he/she tells you, listen. Better yet, repeat it to make sure you've got it right. And don't get defensive.

LOOK TO GOD FOR GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT. Although it may not be easy to break dysfunctional habits, remember that God wants your marriage to thrive. Trust in him and ask him to break down roadblocks in your marriage.

Remember that the numbers do not doom your marriage. Take positive steps to number you among those for whom marriage is a blessing.

Catholic Mass to be Held on Base

The Base Chaplain's Office announced that Catholic worship service will be held on base beginning April UTA Sunday at 11 a.m. The location is still to be determined but will be announced in the coming weeks.

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since 1995. Birds had laid nests inside the aircraft, and the sun was taking its toll on the plane's decals, Miller said.

Seven members of the 167th Retiree's Association volunteered their time to the effort: Retired Chief Master Sgts. Miller and Jim Roberts, who both took charge of the effort; retired Lt. Col. Jim Bail; retired Senior Master Sgts. Don Kraus and Jimmy James; and retired Master Sgts. Irv Litten and Harry Rainy. In addition, retired Army veterans (and brothers) Vernon and Hank Dotson aided in the project.

The work began with power washing of the plane, followed by a thorough removal and cleaning of all removable parts. Rusty screws were removed and replaced, and silver paint was applied to rust spots on the body.

"The work that the Retiree's Association does is invaluable to the base," said Col. Eric Vollmecke, 167th Air Commander. "Without their hard work, it would be impossible to maintain the identity and heritage of the 167th. Their hard work is apparent every day."

(Photos by Staff Sgt. Emily Beightol, 167thAW Multimedia Unit)

JAG Promoted



Lt. Col. Bob Rockwell is promoted in a ceremony held during the Saturday morning staff meeting. From left are Brig. Gen. James B. Crawford, assistant adjutant general, Rockwell, and Col. Eric Vollmecke, 167th Wing Commander.

(Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Dawn Hester, 167th Multimedia Support Unit)

167th AW Promotions



TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL
Robert E. Rockwell **AW**



TO FIRST LIEUTENANT
Andrew L. Schmidt **AW**



TO SECOND LIEUTENANT
Shawn E. Hutzler **SVF**



TO TECHNICAL SERGEANT
Mark K. Johnson **LRS**
Angela L. Poole **AES**
David A. Temple **SVF**



TO STAFF SERGEANT
Jacki L. Hinkel **SVF**
Darryl G. Lemaster **APS**
Kelley N. Peggs **OSF**
Frank B. Preston **AS**
Kyle C. Smith **AGS**



TO SENIOR AIRMAN
Travis N. Massey **APS**
Joshua E. Pryor **SFS**
Kyle T. Umphrey **MXS**

Air Force Assistance Fund Campaign Begins Feb. 16

The Air Force Assistance Fund "Commitment to Caring" campaign runs Feb. 16 to May 7, asking airmen to contribute to any of four Air Force-related charities. The charities benefit active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retired Air Force people, surviving spouses and families. This is the 31st year of the fund drive. Charities receive 100 percent of designated contributions. The secretary and chief of staff of the Air Force recently announced a \$5.2 million goal. In 2003, Air Force people gave \$5.9 million to the fund. Contributions to the AFAF are tax deductible. For more information, visit <http://afassistancefund.org> or the Air Force Personnel Center's voting and fund-raising Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/votefund.

Additional details can be found at http://www.military.com/NewsContent/0,13319,usaf3_021004.00.html.

To learn more about supporting our troops, see http://www.military.com/Content/MoreContent1/0,,support_troops,00.html

Recruiting Assistance Needed

The 167th Chaplain's office has an opening for a third chaplain. If you know an interested person, please contact the Chaplain's office at (304) 262-5319 during UTA weekends or Lt. Col. Roger Sencindiver, (304) 262-5240 during the month.

To qualify an applicant must have a Bachelor's degree and a Master of Divinity or equivalent from an accredited school.

Que Pasa!

Aerial Port Squadron – Master Sgt. Lester Smith

Staff Sgt. Bryan Talkington completed 7-level school Feb. 14 at Lackland AFB, Texas. Talkington also has recently been successful in completing his course 6, and he has attended the WV state police academy, basic officer training course.

The aircraft load planning (ALPS) school was held at the 167th Aerial Port classroom March 1-5. All 12 aerial port personnel successfully completed this school. Graduating were Master Sgt. Ron Good, Master Sgt. Eric Peck, Master Sgt. Roy Brake, Master Sgt. Mike Leonard, Master Sgt. John Farmer, Tech. Sgt. Larry Carper, Staff Sgt. Troy Lozinski, Staff Sgt. Alan Cavanaugh, Staff Sgt. Keith Knotts and Staff Sgt. Wayne Benson, Staff Sgt. Darryl Lemaster and Staff Sgt. Carla Gray.

Tech. Sgt. Carper completed rigger training school Feb 14-28 at Pope AFB, N.C. Four port personnel returned from several months of deployment at Dover AFB, Del., and have now been reassigned to Langley AFB, Va.

Security Forces Squadron – Chief Master Sgt. John Alderton

Security Forces Squadron personnel traveled to Washington County Career School on Feb. 13 to talk to about 20 Criminal Justice students about the Security Police career field. Tech. Sgt. Todd Evans and Senior Airman Hannah Shipman spoke and demonstrated some of the modern equipment to give the students a hands-on learning experience. The students learned various aspects of the security police career field. Topics covered were air base defense, physical security, defense tactics, base patrol, bike patrol and educational requirements needed to become a security forces member.

Raven members Master Sgt. William Lemon, Tech. Sgt. Vincent Shambaugh and Staff Sgt. Edward Rollyson from the 167th Security Forces Squadron supported the 201st Airlift Squadron, Washington, D.C., ANG, from Feb. 12-18 in support of a CODEL Mission, (Congressional Delegation). Raven members escorted Sherwood Boehlert, Chairman of the U.S. House of Representative Science and Technology committee. Raven members provided escort to Tripoli, Libya, Amman Jordan and Tashkent Uzbekistan.

At approximately 0228, Feb. 14, a subject coming from off base crashed through the “out-bound” side of the 167ths

main gate, which was closed. The gate was ripped from its hinges and became wedged on and underneath the vehicle. The subject was traveling at a speed of about 45 m.p.h. when he struck the gate. The vehicle traveled about 310 feet and struck a telephone junction box, then went about 700 more feet when the Security Forces Base Patrol intercepted him. The subject was driving left of center, with the gate still affixed to his vehicle, when he nearly struck the responding Security Forces Base Patrol vehicle. It should be noted the main gate had antiterrorism barriers in place. However, the subject perfectly maneuvered through them. During the arrest and processing phase by the Berkeley County Sheriff's Department, the subject registered a .209 Blood Alcohol Content level. It should be noted .10 is legally intoxicated in the State of West Virginia. The subject was arrested and charged with second offense DUI, destruction of property and trespassing. Estimated property damage is \$5,000.

Senior Master Sgt. David S. Wilson returned from Lackland AFB, Texas, on Feb. 27. Sgt. Wilson deployed as part of a Subject Matter Expert (SME) team. The team was comprised of 11 members and represented all major commands throughout the USAF Security Forces Career Field, to include the Reserve and Guard. The team was tasked with writing lesson plans and training scenarios for the apprentice and officer course. Additionally, team members completely rewrote the 5-level CDC course. Further, the team assisted in organizing the re-write of the 7-level CDC course. Another tasking was to review the STS and validate the 5 level task references.

Finally, this weekend marks the last UTA for Master Sgt. E. Ted Scott of the 167th Security Forces Training Squadron. Sgt. Scott is retiring with more than 36 years of military service. Additionally, Sgt. Scott has been a full-time employee of the security forces squadron since June 1, 1983. He served as a federal technician for five months before becoming a full-time AGR member. The wing and security forces squadron will miss Sgt. Scott's words of wisdom and vast experience.

Maintenance Squadron – Maj. Robert Barrat

There have been many personnel changes in just the past thirty days here at the 167th and the unit is really gearing up for the future and going places with the C-5 conversion.

Congrats to the following:

*Col. Brian Truman for recently being appointed as the Vice Technician Commander of the 167th. He will work with Cols. Vollmecke and Gain. The Maintenance squadron will

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miss him, but we take some comfort in that he will not be moving too far away.

*Lt. Col. Phill Michael for being appointed as the technician Maintenance Commander, the position vacated by Col. Truman.

*Senior Airman Andrew McCulloch, who earned a 91 percent on his CDC. He will get a two-hour pass from drill

*Senior Airman Jennifer Swartz earned an 86 percent on her 5-level CDC.

Welcome back from technical school to both Senior Airman Laura Moseley and Senior Airman Shawn Leatherman. We also we welcome Tech. St. Laura Obitts (formerly Rice) as the new TODO technician.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Chief Master Sgt. Dave Widmeyer, MOF, as he continues with his therapy. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

We wish all the best to both Col. Jesse Thomas and Brig. Gen. V. Wayne "Speedy" Lloyd as they retire. Col Thomas is scheduled to retire this month and Gen. Lloyd goes in April. They are a great big part of why the 167th is the best darn C-130 unit in the business.

From the military bearing corner: Spiffiest drill uniform this March drill goes to Capt. David Frush, returning champion of the officer division, and Senior Airman Jennifer Swartz in the enlisted division.

From the safety corner: Be careful driving. Lots of spring fever gets translated into road rage when channeled through a teenager with his (or her) first car and a sunny spring day after a long cold winter. There was a recent article that there were more than an average number of automobile accidents on the increasingly congested roads in the eastern panhandle of the state. Be careful at four-way stops, and make sure to leave plenty of error room when pulling out in front of oncoming traffic. You don't save much time when you speed to your next destination.

From the ORI corner: Take a few minutes from your busy day to review your current letters of appointment in your files. It is embarrassing to explain to someone from the Inspector General team the person appointed to a certain duty have either retired or transferred out of the job. The entire squadron has been busy for the past month working on their compliance standardization list for self-inspection (CSRL), according to Chief Master Sgt. Kough.

Thought for the day: When you choose to focus on other peoples' business through rumors and gossip, you negatively impact the mission and the unit morale.

Worth Repeating

"I find that the harder I work the more luck I seem to have."

President Thomas Jefferson
(1743-1826)

Changes To LES May Reduce Identity Theft

Leave and earning statements for all members and Defense Department civilians, and paychecks for military retirees will soon have more identity theft protection. Over the next several weeks, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service will drop the first five digits of a person's Social Security number from all pay statements and checks to guard against identity theft.

This change will affect all printed copies of leave and earning statements. This does not apply to electronic statements on myPay, the online system for access and control of customers personal pay information. For more information, see the Air Force Print News story at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123006979> or visit the mypay Web site at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.



Braving arctic conditions, Tech. Sgt. Thomas Hansen (left) of the 167th Military Equal Opportunity Office took the plunge and jumped into the freezing waters of the Chesapeake Bay as part of the 2004 MSP Polar Bear Plunge.

Almost 2,000 police officers, firemen and their supporters made the jump on a day when the temperature was below freezing. The event is held annually to raise money for the Special Olympics of Maryland.

"I have been doing the plunge for five years now, and this years plunge was the coldest I have experienced," Hansen said. "Last year the water was 32.5 degrees, this year it was 31. If you have ever heard any testimony from 'Titanic' survivors, they said that when they hit the water it burned. Well, I know what they meant."

Sgt. Hansen was able to personally raise \$1,000 from donors in the Jefferson County Deputy Sheriff's and Reserves Associations and the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 83.



Throughout history women have played a remarkable role in shaping America's destiny. Yet men's names predominate in history books, mostly because of a male historical bias and because there is no formal repository of women's historical contributions.

March is Women's History Month. Below are only a sample of the outstanding women whose extraordinary courage and perseverance changed our lives forever. These are women who inspired others to do great things with their lives. Women who we celebrate this month and every month.

Did you know that in c. 1600, near the place later known as Seneca Falls, N.Y., Iroquois women staged a protest against irresponsible warfare? They refused to make love or bear children unless their voices were heard on whether to wage war.

Did you know that in 1916 Ruth Law was the first person to fly nonstop from Chicago to Hornell, N.Y., setting a new record. She tried to enlist as a fighter pilot, but was turned down.

Did you know that in 1926 Violette Neatly Anderson became the first African-American woman lawyer to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court?

Did you know that in 1931 Jackie Mitchell became the first woman to sign with a professional baseball club? She pitched against Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig, and struck them both out!

Did you know that in 1962 Dolores Fernandez Huerta helped start the United Farm Workers and became its main contract negotiator?

Did you know that in 1960 Teresa and Mary Thompson, aged eight and nine years old, became the youngest

Americans ever granted a patent? They invented a solar tee-pee (called a Wigwarm) for their school science fair.

Did you know that in 1868 Civil War worker Mary Livermore organized the first woman suffrage convention in Chicago? She later became president of the resulting Illinois Woman Suffrage Association.

Did you know that Susan Picotte, a member of the Omaha tribe, was the first American Indian woman to become a physician? She earned an MD degree in 1889 from the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania, graduating at the top of her class.

Did you know that in 1893, at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago, Fannie Barrier Williams addressed a special session of the World's Congress of Representative Women? Her topic was "The Intellectual Progress of Colored Women in the United States since Emancipation." More than 150,000 people attended to hear 330 women present papers.

Did you know that bacteriologist Anna Wessels Williams isolated the strain of diphtheria bacterium which was used to produce the antitoxin; and that in 1905 she developed the staining method that became the standard for rabies for 34 years?

Did you know that Professor Jean Broadhurst, at age 64 climaxed her 34-year-career by discovering the virus bodies of measles. Until that time, physicians were unable to diagnose measles until the rash appeared.

Did you know that it was Dr. Joan Miller Platt, born in 1925, who helped develop a procedure for fixing cleft palates in infants? Until her innovation, the problem could not be fixed until the child was older.

Recycling Reminders

By Staff Sgt. Kevin Diamond

Just a reminder on a few of the areas — I cannot stress the importance of shredding paperwork. There has been a lot of paper discarded with credit card numbers with expiration dates and signatures, social security numbers and home addresses. If you are not sure, **shred** it and leave all shredded paper in a plastic bag — do not dump it in with the paper. Thanks for everyone's help, and keep up the great effort. In case you didn't know, money made from recycling goes back into the base.

Also...

Please dump your **newspapers** in the **red** dumpster in the parking lot across from CE Building 122.

Styrofoam should be thrown in the trash. Do not put it in the recycling buildings, because it cannot be recycled.

All **metal** of any kind is to be placed in the dumpster inside the old motor pool, Building 102, not in the buildings.

Try and separate **colored** from **white office paper**. If you can't, just place it all in the mixed paper for recycling.

Break down all boxes unless you're filling the box with other pieces of cardboard.



Scott Perkins, left, of the Elks Lodge No. 778 presents Berkeley County Sheriff (Tech. Sgt.) William Christian with an award at a ceremony held last month. Christian was honored in several areas, including for his work on the sheriff department's special response team and for securing a \$10,000 grant for the project. Christian is a traditional guardsman in the 167th Civil Engineering Squadron.

New Temporary Health Benefits for Reserves Announced

The Department of Defense announced Feb. 12 that it will implement the 2004 Temporary Reserve Health Benefit Program for certain eligible Reserve Component sponsors and their family members. The Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act and the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for fiscal 2004 authorized new health benefits, some permanent and some temporary.

The 2004 Temporary Reserve Health Benefit Program includes three temporary Tricare benefit provisions; some are effective as of Nov. 6, 2003, and all expire Dec. 31, 2004.

Total expenditures for these new provisions may not exceed the \$400 million limit established by Congress for fiscal 2004. Tricare Management Activity will implement the new provisions in phases starting in the spring. One provision temporarily authorizes Tricare medical and dental coverage for Reserve component sponsors activated for more than 30 days and their family members.

Eligibility begins either on the day the sponsor receives delayed-effective date active-duty orders or 90 days prior to the date the active-duty period begins, whichever is later.

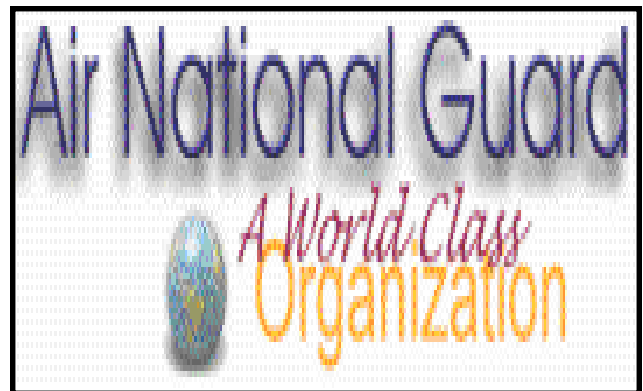
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Let your voice be heard! Contact your representatives at the DoD concerning this latest benefit at http://capwiz.com/military/mail/oneclick_compose/?alertid=5080511

Normandy Creates Commemorative Badge for WWII Veterans

The Lower Normandy Region has created an insigne de poitrine to be presented at the official ceremonies surrounding the 60th Anniversary of D-Day in Normandy. The honored recipients will be the brave men who fought in D-Day and/or the Battle of Normandy from June 5th to August 24th, 1944 and who will be present during the commemorative ceremonies in Normandy this summer. The badges will be awarded in Lower Normandy beginning on June 4, 2004, at the start of the commemorative ceremonies. Veterans should receive their badges at the place in Normandy where their unit fought. Registration must be completed online using a valid email address. Registration information and a complete list of the 180 Commemorative Badge Presentation Ceremonies can be found in the Veteran's section of <http://www.normandiememoire.com>. The commemorative badge was created to serve as a tribute to the men who fought in Normandy, and as lasting symbol of the appreciation felt by the citizens of Normandy for the American soldiers who fought in World War II. Information regarding the 60th Anniversary of D-Day can also be found courtesy of the Western France Tourist Board at www.westernfrancetouristboard.com.

For more on D-Day, visit http://www.military.com/Content/MoreContent1/?file=dday_main



Quotable.....

"Character comprises the emotional, intellectual, and moral qualities that distinguish one group from another — and the judgment to discern them. Our core values and the unique demands of military service under gird our Air Force character. These values — integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do — endure as the fundamental standards of behavior of our Air Force team."

Gen. John P. Jumper
Air Force chief of staff

Officials Introduce War on Terrorism Medals

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Servicemembers serving at home and abroad in the war on terrorism will now be recognized for that service. Department of Defense officials announced Feb. 26 the final approval of two new medals and their criteria.

Individuals who have deployed for operations Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom will be awarded the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal. The Global War on Ter-

rorism Service Medal will be awarded to those who served in airport security operations in the United States following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks or who supported operations Enduring Freedom, Noble Eagle or Iraqi Freedom.

The front of the Global War in Terrorism Expeditionary Medal features a shield adapted from the Great Seal of the United States. The back includes the eagle, serpent and swords from the medal's front-side design along with the inscription "War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal."

"These medals recognize the significant contributions members of the armed forces bring to bear in combating terrorism in all forms throughout the world — for both current and future operations," stated a DOD news release.

Individuals can receive both medals if they meet the individual criteria, officials said.

To be awarded the expeditionary medal, individuals must have been deployed outside the United States for OEF or OIF for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days. The time requirement is not needed if

the individual engaged in combat, was wounded or killed in action, or was medically evacuated for any reason, officials said.

The area of eligibility encompasses the U.S. Central Command area, (excluding the lower Horn of Africa) Middle East, eastern Turkey, Philippines, Diego Garcia and all air spaces above the land and adjacent water areas, according to the release.

Each day aircrew members fly sorties into designated areas counts as one day of deployment toward the 30- or 60-day requirement.

Individuals engaged in actual combat may be eligible for battle stars on the expeditionary medal. Only a combatant commander can initiate a request for a battle star, and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is the approving authority for them, the release states.

Servicemembers eligible to receive the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal must have participated in or supported operations on or after Sept. 11, 2001. Service medal eligibility dates run from Sept. 27, 2001, to May 31, 2002, for individuals who served in airport security operations.

The same 30- or 60-day requirements apply to the service medal as to the expeditionary medal.

"Each military department will prescribe appropriate regulations for

processing awarding and wearing of the medals and ribbons for their servicemembers, to include application procedures for veterans, retirees and next-of-kin," the DOD release stated.



War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

War on Terrorism Service Medal



Family Forum

By Susan Sanders



The 167th AW will continue to be involved in various missions throughout the coming year. Along with specific missions in Southwest Asia, the 167th will be the lead unit working in the Joint Forge mission. The Family Readiness Group will always be proud of the fine men and women representing the 167th on these missions, and we will continue to watch over your families and loved ones left behind.

By **PLANNING** for an upcoming mobilization, Guard members can concentrate on the work/mission at hand, and family members can better adjust to the separation. Being **PREPARED** can help everyone feel ready for the job ahead!

Schedule of Events

April 3, 10:00 a.m. - FRG Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Base Playground/Pavilion

April 26 - Bring Your Child to Work Day (grades 1 -12)

May 3, 10:00 a.m. - First Annual Golf Outing, Stonebridge Golf Course,

May 11 - FRG Quarterly Meeting 7:00 p.m.

June 19-23 - WVNG KIDS KAMP. Registration due by May 1 (late fee \$25)

For information or to register for the events, call the Family Program Office, 304-262-5590 or toll free, 866-986-4325.

Supervisor's Retention Interview Takes Place Annually

By Master Sgt. Mark Kesecker

The annual Supervisor's Retention Interview provides each member with the opportunity to review ANG career progression and reevaluate goals, expectations and career paths. The interview is also a time to identify and address specific areas of concern, ANG opportunities, benefits, service, spouse issues and/or family support and involvement, employer support and military or nonmilitary influences on the members ANG career.

It is scheduled to take place on the anniversary date of the member's enlistment. Results are recorded on NGB Form 173 (Green Folder) and maintained throughout the period of the member's service in the unit.

Interviewing members with over 20 years of service is optional.

Free Software Must Be Returned

A promotional copy of a popular office productivity software suite received by Air Force people must be returned to the sender. The Microsoft Corporation sent promotional copies of its popular Office software to a half million customers — some in the Air Force. The commercial value of those software packages, more than \$500 each, exceeds Joint Ethics Regulation limits for personal gifts.

The value of those packages is well in excess of what Air Force members can accept, in particular since the Air Force is a customer of Microsoft. Officials believe that Microsoft did not have any ill intent, but the offer was a marketing campaign that failed to understand governmental regulations. For more information, see the Air Force Print News story at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123007021>.

Improved Scholarship Finder Available

Military.com has released a new and improved online Scholarship Finder, which helps service members, veterans and their families search millions of dollars in military-related scholarships. Military.com Scholarship Finder is the definitive guide to military scholarships on the web, including the most comprehensive information presented in a searchable and user-friendly format. Many organizations and educational institutions offer scholarships based on military affinity, but they can be hard to find. Military.com has aggregated this information in one searchable, online database, with detailed descriptions, eligibility criteria, application deadlines and contact information. The Scholarship Finder can be found at <http://www.military.com/Education/ScholarShip/newsearch>

DECA Starting New Bounced Check Policy

Shoppers who bounce checks at the commissary could soon see money disappear from their bank accounts on payday. By the end of February, the Defense Commissary Agency plans to begin using a new process to collect money owed on customers' returned checks. Under the new system, the commissary will send the check to the bank to collect money due. If that fails, the money owed will be automatically deducted from the customer's bank account on military paydays through a collection agency called Solutran. If still no money is available in the account on payday, then the request for money will be sent to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service to get money owed from the servicemember through the chain of command. Though a date has not been set, DECA-Europe will be the first region to switch entirely to the new process. Five commissaries in the States have been test locations and more will soon be added, according to a DECA news release, eventually bringing the entire commissary system under the process. For more information, see http://www.military.com/NewsContent/0,13319,FL_deca_022004,00.html

Welcome to the 167th Airlift Wing

Aaliyah A. Acly	MDG
Troy A. Baker	AES
Jeffrey C. Becker	MXS
Robert L. Duckwall	MXS
Cheyenne A. Foltz	CES
Andrew J. Frey	SFS
Warren G. Golden	MSF
Christopher L. Price	MDS
Bradley S. James	MXS
Joel D. Sainsbury	AS
Anthony D. Spitzer	AES

Retirements

Airlift Wing

Master Sgt. Walter V. "Bud" King March 11

Airlift Squadron

Master Sgt. John Cox March 10

Security Forces Squadron

Master Sgt. Earl T. Scott March 31

Reservists, Enlistees May Get Deferral of Back Taxes

Reservists called to active duty and enlistees in the armed forces may qualify for a deferral of taxes owed if they can show that their ability to pay taxes was affected by their military service, according to the Internal Revenue Service. The Servicemembers Civil Relief Act provides this benefit.

The act covers active duty members of the military services - Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard - and commissioned officers of the uniformed services - Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Reservists must be placed on active duty to qualify. National Guard personnel not serving in a "federalized" status - that is, called to active duty specifically by the president of the United States - are not covered.

The deferral applies to taxes that fall due before or during military service, and extends the payment deadline to six months (180 days) after the military service ends. No interest or penalty accrues during the deferral period.

The deferral is not automatic. A taxpayer must apply for it. When applying, the taxpayer must show how the military service affected the taxpayer's ability to pay. A taxpayer must also have received a notice of tax due, or have an installment agreement with the IRS, before applying for the deferral.

The deferral does not extend the deadline for filing any tax returns. However, taxpayers in the armed forces may get extra time to file under other provisions, such as being stationed overseas, in a combat zone or in a qualified hazardous duty area, or if they are serving in direct support of a combat zone.

Afghanistan and the airspace above was designated a combat zone effective September 19, 2001, by Executive Order No. 13239.

The following locations in the Kosovo area and the airspace above were designated as a combat zone and a qualified hazardous duty area effective March 24, 1999, by Executive Order No. 13119 and Public Law 106-21:

The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia/Montenegro)

Albania

The Adriatic Sea

The Ionian Sea - north of the 39th parallel

The following locations in the Persian Gulf and the airspace above were designated as a combat zone effective January 17, 1991, by Executive Order No. 12744:

The Persian Gulf

The Red Sea

The Gulf of Oman

The part of the Arabian Sea that is north of 10 degrees north latitude and west of 68 degrees east longitude

The Gulf of Aden

The total land areas of Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates

The following areas in the former Yugoslavia were des-

ignated a qualified hazardous duty area effective November 21, 1995, by Public Law 104-117:

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Croatia

Macedonia

The following areas have been designated as serving in direct support of a combat zone by the Assistant Secretary of Defense:

Incerlik Air Base in Turkey in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, effective September 21, 2001

Pakistan, Tajikistan and Jordan, effective September 19, 2001

Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan, effective October 1, 2001

The Philippines in conjunction with Operation Enduring Freedom-Philippines, effective January 9, 2002

Yemen, effective April 10, 2002

Djibouti, effective July 1, 2002

Details of applying for the tax payment deferral are in IRS Publication 3, "Armed Forces' Tax Guide," which is available on the IRS Web site, www.irs.com, or by calling toll free 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676). Additional information on tax issues affecting the military can be found on the IRS Web site on the "1040 Central" page.



Letters to Troops in Theater Must be Properly Addressed

Due to persons improperly addressing mail, an increasing numbers of military-addressed mail is accidentally ending up in the international mail network. This mail is being severely delayed and may in some cases be lost.

Please advise all that geographic locations should not be included on the envelope's address side with the APO number. The APO number is all that is required. By placing the geographic location along with an APO number, the optical readers and scanners immediately pick up the name of the country and send the item to the international processing section.

A proper address would be as follows:

Sgt XYZ

1 CS/CSX

APOAE 09301

An incorrect address would be:

Sgt XYZ

1 CS/CSX

APOAE 09301

Baghdad, Iraq

The geographic locations should not be anywhere on the envelope.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER IV
WEST VIRGINIA



United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 28, 2004

Colonel William R. Gain, Air Commander
167th Airlift Wing
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Martinsburg, WV 25401

Dear Colonel Gain,

As I look back on 2003 and forward to the coming year, I wanted to be sure to let you know that I deeply appreciate the sacrifices that you and all of the members of the 167th are making through your service to our State and Nation in Iraq. I am so proud of the efforts being made by members of the West Virginia National Guard in response to our ongoing national challenge, waging the Global War on Terror and in the war in Iraq. The people of West Virginia are grateful and recognize your many achievements as you continue to strengthen our national security.

I can assure you that the West Virginians who have been called to duty are in my thoughts daily. When I have met with troops from our state in Afghanistan, Iraq, and outlying areas, and been in touch with Guard members and their families, the feedback I have received has been invaluable. I will continue fighting for better equipment and benefits for the Guard. The courage and fight in each and every one of you is a constant source of inspiration to me. Please pass along my enormous thanks to the entire 167th. Wishing all a safe and speedy return home from your missions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay".

John D. Rockefeller IV

Personnel services now available on AF Portal

3/2/2004 - **RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN)** — The days where people need to remember numerous user IDs and passwords for basic online personnel services are coming to an end thanks to the Air Force Portal.

"The portal is a powerful tool," said Col. Gregory Touhill, director of personnel data systems at the Air Force Personnel Center here. "We took the personnel applications our military and civilian employees use most often and made them accessible via the portal."

Among those accessible on the portal are virtual out-processing, retraining vulnerability lists, civilian employee career briefs and the Employment Benefits Information System.

"Now, an airman deployed anywhere in the world has access to his or her personnel records through the portal," he said. "Especially with so many high-demand applications available, it's time everyone got an account."

By logging on to the Air Force Portal, users will have "reduced sign-on" access to 14 of the most used personnel Web services, like the virtual military personnel flight and civilian employment pages that enhance mission capability for today's warfighter, said the colonel.

The Air Force Portal is located at www.my.af.mil.

"Users won't have to remember several passwords and input them every time they want to get into a particular application anymore," Colonel Touhill said. "Instead, airmen can log into the portal when they come to work and use the available applications all day long."

The military personnel-related areas now available include:

- Virtual military personnel flight.
- Air Force Officer Qualification Test score.
- Military Personnel Data System status Web site.
- Reporting an instance of production password change utility.
- Reserve Management Vacancy System.
- Retraining vulnerability lists for the noncommissioned officer retraining program.
- Virtual out-processing.
- Web-based testing.

The civilian personnel-related areas now available include:

- Career brief.
- Electronic official Personnel Folder.
- Emergency Medical Data System.
- Employment Benefits Information System.

Employment.

Online Career Program registration.

Having reduced sign-on access from desktop computers to personnel information saves people from having to wait in line at their local personnel flight, Colonel Touhill said. Now for many of those services, users will not have to remember separate passwords, he said.

"We love the idea of helping people get the information they need to do their jobs quickly, securely and without the hassle and risk of maintaining a long list of passwords," said the colonel.

The Air Force chief of staff has said he wants all airmen to establish a portal account by April. Establishing an account takes only a few minutes, officials said.

Once logged into the portal, people can access the military and civilian self-service personnel features at the "Careers" tab.

For more information about the portal or any of the online applications, call the Air Force Contact Center at (800) 616-3775. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)



Web-Based Helpline Gives Airmen Vital Info

Air Force One Source is a live 24-hour-a-day helpline for airmen and their families implemented by the Air Force in an expanded effort to take care of its own. The beyond-the-gate support and referral service will address personal and family support needs from agencies that offer support with child care, finances, legal matters, deployment and other related issues. Certified counselors are available to answer questions, provide information or guide airmen and their family members to the appropriate resources.

Air Force One Source is available anytime by phone in the United States at (800) 707-5784, internationally at (800) 707-5784, internationally collect at (484) 530-5913 or at www.airforceonesource.com. The Web site will require customers to log on by using "airforce" as the user ID and "ready" as the password. For more information, see the Air Force Print News story at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123006868>.



D.C. Selects Guard's First Woman Wing Commander

by Master Sgt. Scott Elliott, *National Guard Magazine*

Col. Linda McTague has gotten pretty good at seeing herself through the eyes of others.

She does not see herself as trailblazer for women; however, she realizes that others do. And she strives very hard to live up to those expectations, as well as to her own.

McTague is in a good position to take such stock in herself. She is now the first woman to command an Air National Guard Wing.

Specifically, the woman from Battle Creek, Mich., assumed command of the District of Columbia Air National Guard's highly decorated 113th Wing Dec. 1. She is now eligible to become a Brigadier General.

The diverse wing of some 1,050 personnel includes the 121st Fighter Squadron of F-16's and the 201st Airlift Squadron that flies members of Congress and other federal officials worldwide in a fleet of small passenger planes.

McTague is not a fighter pilot. She cut her Air Guard aviation teeth as an operational support airlift pilot beginning in 1988 before climbing the ladder to serve as the 201st Squadron's commander for nearly four years beginning in November 1997.

She was the first woman to command an Air Guard flying squadron, said Charles Gross, the Air Guard's chief historian.

That, she said during a recent interview, is an indication of how much the military culture has changed during the past decade to make it possible for women and members of minorities to reach the level she has attained.

"Ten years ago, the culture was such that if you weren't a fighter pilot, you were not going to be a wing commander," McTague said.

"Now, we've had women in traditional male fields for awhile, and our senior leadership has pushed the idea that we need to be a diverse organization, to tap the resources that we have available and to not exclude anybody because of race or gender.

And she does not feel out of place in the commander's office because she is not one of the fighter pilots, even though the 113th exists to support a fighter mission.

"I don't think I have to fly the airplane to understand the F-16 mission," said McTague who earned her wings as a command pilot while logging over 5,250 hours in eight kinds of aircraft during her 23-year career.

That includes for years as an instructor pilot and Wings



of Blue pilot for the Air Force Academy in Colorado.

"I've always relied on experts, and we have a strong vice commander in Col. Jeff Johnson who does fly the F-16 and knows the missions," she said.

She spent the past two years as the Air Guard advisor to the director of operations at Headquarters, Air Education and Training Command at Randolph, Air Force Base.



On This Day In History...

Air Force

March 13, 1917 — The Army Air Intelligence Subdivision Office is approved.

March 18, 1945 — Some 1,250 bombers escorted by 670 fighters gave Berlin the heaviest attack of World War II.

March 2, 1949 — The B-50 "Lucky Lady II" made the first non-stop round-the-world flight in 94 hours and 1 minute.

March 26, 1949 — The first 10-engine aircraft, the B-36, made its first successful test flight. compilation of policy news from throughout the Air Force.

March 17, 1981 — The first KC-10A Extender tanker/cargo aircraft is delivered to Strategic Air Command.

Air National Guard

March 1, 1953 - Two ANG units, the 138th FIS, Syracuse, New York and the 194th FIS, Hayward, California, began augmenting the Air Defense Command's runway alert program on an experimental basis. This integration of training and an operational mission on a continuing basis was a direct precursor of the total force.

March 12, 1976 - A KC-135 from Ohio's 160th ARG became the first ANG tanker to participate with SAC in an over water air refueling.

March 1993 - The 124th FG, Idaho ANG, sent F-4G "Wild Weasels" and volunteers to Saudi Arabia to help enforce the southern no-fly zone over Iraq in Operation Southern Watch.

March 1996 - The 184th Bomb Wing, Kansas ANG, completed its conversion to the B-1B bomber.

March 1, 1997 - Lt. Col. Martha Rainville, Vermont ANG, was sworn in as the first female Adjutant General ever after being elected to the post by that state's legislature.

March 26, 1998 - A memo was signed turning over responsibility for providing airlift support to the National Science Foundation's operations in Antarctica to the 109th Airlift Wing, New York ANG.

March 27, 1999 - Volunteers and two EC-130 "Commando Solo" aircraft from the 193d Special Operations Wing, Pennsylvania ANG deployed to Germany to support Operation Allied Force.

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Korean War Museum Pays Tribute To Vets

They were never welcomed home with a parade; their war became known as the forgotten one. Now, 51 years later, Korean War veterans at last have a place to gather their memories — albeit a humble one. The museum occupies a 10,000-square-foot open-air space in a military town that many of the country's first Korean immigrants called home while working in Oahu's pineapple fields. Little about the place mirrors the grand museums that pay tribute to other groups. There are no interactive exhibits, no gift shops, no stunning displays. However, there are 38 sections to the museum, symbolic because the war lasted 38 months and the 38th parallel divides the Koreas. The museum also features such war memorabilia as a 58-foot-long mural of the Battle at Inchon; towering statues of South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun and his war-era predecessor, Rhee Syng-man; a wartime jeep and dozens of photographs. In the rear of the museum, a meditation area contains a simple wooden cross and soldier's helmet that recall the losses suffered. For more information, see http://www.military.com/NewsContent/0,13319,FL_korea_022304,00.html.

For more on the Korean War, see <http://www.military.com/Content/MoreContent1/?file=index>

Korean Defense Service Medal

The Defense Department announced today the creation of the Korean Defense Service Medal (KDSM). The KDSM is a service medal to give special recognition for the sacrifices and contributions made by members of the U.S. armed forces who have served or are serving in the Republic of Korea. Public Law 107-314 legislated the creation of a new medal to recognize military service in the Republic of Korea and the surrounding waters. Members of the armed forces authorized the KDSM must have served in support of the defense of the Republic of Korea. The area of eligibility encompasses all land area of the Republic of Korea, and the contiguous water out to 12 nautical miles, and all air spaces above the land and water areas. The KDSM period of eligibility is July 28, 1954, to a future date to be determined by the secretary of defense. For more information, see <http://www.defenselink.mil/releases/2004/nr20040209-0334.html>.

To learn more about service medals, see <http://www.military.com/Resources/ResourcesContent/0,13964,31460,00.html>